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Applicant: Taeko HAYASE et al. Conf.: 3991
Appl. No.: 09/996,946 Group: 1746
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For: CLEANING SHEET

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated March 25, 2002, the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicants hereby elect Group I consisting of claims 1-11 for initial examination.

This election is with traverse.

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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-12 are currently being prosecuted in the present application. The